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SUBJECT: FRG-CSSR RELATIONS

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MILAN KADNAR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR MFA PRESS DEPARTMENT, TO DISCUSS FRG-CSSR RELATIONS IN WAKE OF CHNOUPEK VISIT TO BONN. UNTIL LAST MONTH, KADNAR HAD BEEN MFA DESK OFFICER FOR FRG AND WEST BERLIN. HE WAS ONE OF FOUR MFA OFFICIALS WHO ACCOMPANIED CHNOUPEK TO BONN.

2. KADNAR DESCRIBED VISIT AS VERY SUCCESSFUL AND GENERAL STATE OF RELATIONS AT THIS TIME AS GOOD. CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S PRIMARY INTEREST AT THIS POINT IS IN FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE NOTED THAT CHNOUPEK AND PARTY HAD HAD GOOD FORTUNE TO MEET AND HAVE LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TWO TOP MEN OF KRUPP AND
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WITH THE HEAD OF DRESDNER BANK. HE ALSO STATED THAT SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER HAD GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO ASSURE CHNOUPEK THAT OST-POLITIK WOULD CONTINUE UNCHANGED IN THE POST-BRANDT ERA.

3. KADNAR STATED THAT BOTH HUSAK AND STROUGAL HAD BEEN INVITED BY BRANDT TO VISIT FRG THIS YEAR. SCHMIDT REPEATED INVITATION, BUT ASKED THAT VISITS BE POSTPONED UNTIL 1975. BOTH HUSAK AND STROUGAL PLAN TO MAKE VISIT NEXT YEAR. (THIS ACCOUNT CONFLICTS WITH PARA 6 REFTEL. FRG AMBASSADOR RITZEL HAD SAID THAT QUESTION OF STROUGAL VISIT HAD NOT COME UP DURING TALKS.)

4. KADNAR WAS TOLD A FEW WEEKS AGO IN MOSCOW BY GROMYKO'S SECRETARY THAT SOVIETS REALIZE IT IS TOO LATE TO STOP ESTABLISH-MENT OF FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN. ACTION IN THIS CONNECTION SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN A YEAR AGO. NEVERTHELESS, SOVIETS HAD TO TAKE STAND NOW TO PLEASE GDR. GOC HAS NOT YET ISSUED STATEMENT ON FEA; KADNAR STATED ONE IS IN PREPARATION, AND IT WILL OF COURSE FOLLOW LINES OF MOSCOW STATEMENT.

5. KADNAR CHARACTERIZED SUDETAN GERMAN LOBBY IN FRG AS VOCAL AND AS HAVING SOME INFLUENCE IN BUNDESTAG; LOBBY DOES NOT, HOWEVER, EXERCISE MUCH INFLUENCE ON POLICY. THERE ARE SOME 80,000 ETHNIC GERMANS IN CZECHOSLOVAK TODAY, HE SAID, MOST OF THEM OF ADVANCED AGE.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY FILES INDICATE THAT TWO YEARS AGO EMBOFF HAD REQUESTED MEETING WITH KADNAR, WHO HAD JUST TAKEN OVER FRG-WEST BERLIN DESK; KADNAR REGRETTED, SAYING IT NOT POSSIBLE. KADNAR ALLUDED TO THAT INCIDENT TODAY AND STATED THAT HIS SUPERIOR HAD TURNED THUMBS DOWN ON THE MEETING. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN IF TODAY'S MEETING INDICATES GENERAL CHANGE IN CONTACT POLICY AT MFA OR WHETHER KADNAR SIMPLY FEELS FREER IN HIS NEW POSITION. WE BELIEVE FORMER TO BE THE CASE. IN ANY EVENT, KADNAR IMMEDIATELY AGREED TO MEETING BY TELEPHONE, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY HIGHER AUTHORITY.
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